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County School Notes.

Prof. Ranson visited the Slade school Wednesday, and as a consequence the attendance jumped from 18 to 30.

Waltersville school, of which Guy Crowe is teacher, has every reason to be proud of its record. Last Friday they visited the Black Creek school and not content with trimming them to the tune of 22-7 in a ball game in the morning, also defeated them in a spelling match in the afternoon.

Diphtheria pulled down the attendance at a number of the schools for the past two weeks, but the attendance is becoming normal again. Chop Chestnut and Mt. Cannan schools both report a decrease in the number of pupils, owing to the scare.

Hatton Creek school house has been greatly improved by a fresh coat of paint and also by a new floor and ceiling.

Some one has suggested to us the idea of holding a series of spelling matches among the schools to determine the champions of the county. What do the teachers think about it?

Mrs. Bohannon visited Black Creek school Friday. The Pompey and Waltersville schools also paid them a visit to have a spelling match, but the time was too short for both, and Waltersville won the match.

The county Supervisor, Prof. Ranson, visited McCormick school last week, with good results, as several more pupils are attending now.

Hatchers Creek school defeated Miss Mary Martin and Mrs. Sallie French in a spelling match Friday afternoon.

The attendance at the Spencer school, of which Dudley Caudill is teacher, is said to be the largest in years.

Mrs. Myrtle Burgher, teacher at Little Hardwicks Creek, is starting a Moonlight School this week. Let's hear from some of the other teachers along this line.

We would like to see every teacher in the county send in their cards each week. It is not much trouble to fill them out, and the people of the county are interested in the work. It shows that a teacher has pride in the school and in their profession when they are interested enough to let people know what they are doing.

Robert Puckett Dying.

Robert Puckett, who was shot and believed fatally wounded on the night of August 17, and who has been hovering between life and death in a Winchester hospital since that time, was taken to his home at Right Angle, Thursday. No hope whatever is entertained for his recovery, and his condition has been gradually growing worse. The shooting took place just over the Clark county line in Estill county, and Bud Puckett, a relative of the wounded man, has been arrested, charged with the crime, and is now out on \$2,250 bond.

Opening Exercises At City School.

The city school opened Monday with the largest attendance in years. A number of parents were present, and they seem to take a great deal of interest in the work. Owing to the lack of a musical instrument in the school the children marched into the Christian church, where the exercises were opened by the singing of "America", after which the 28th psalm was given in concert, followed by the Lords Prayer. J. W. Hendricks, member of the Board of Trustees, introduced Mrs. W. C. Seale, principal of the school, who gave an interesting talk on the value of regular attendance.

Miss Bowen, the assistant teacher, told the story of "The Glad Little Rabbit," which was enjoyed by all.

Rev. D. H. Matherly, pastor of the Christian church, was next introduced by Noah Anderson, another member of the Board, and told a splendid story of the boy, who, when entering college, placed over his door the letter "V". Four years later, when, after working hard he was made Valedictorian for the class, he showed them what the letter meant. He had set his mark high, and did not pause until he reached it. Mr. Matherly also explained that the school is the half way house between the home and the world, and that the aim of everyone should be to advance the best interests of our boys and girls.

The teachers, the pupils, the Board of Education and the parents all look forward to a better and greater school, and it is the aim of the principal to impress on the children the fact that the school is a place where they can get experience that is useful to them now, and that will be invaluable to them later in life.

Mrs. Seale and Miss Bowen are both competent teachers, and have made an excellent start on the years work. A moonlight school will also be started shortly, and some friends in the town have offered their services as assistant teachers in this. A movement has also been started to procure an organ for the school. Half the money has already been subscribed, and it is hoped to have the instrument in the course of a week or so.

Conference Closes.

The annual Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adjourned Monday afternoon, after a week's meeting at Millersburg. Rev. E. H. Ritchie was assigned to Toleboro, Lewis county, and Clay City is to be supplied.

Bros. Combs and Lowery are conducting a protracted meeting at Vaughns Mill Christian Church this week. Everybody is cordially invited to come and attend the services.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Wm. Swope and family, of McCormick, are visiting relatives on Hardwicks Creek this week.

Mrs. Florence Oldham and children moved to Stanton this week. The children will attend the college there.

Connie L. McClure, of Winchester, visited friends here this week.

For Sale—A good typewriter, nearly new and in perfect condition. Apply to L. S. Boone, Stanton, Ky.

Miss Katie Conlee and Miss Annie Welch, of Rosslyn, spent Saturday to Tuesday with Squire Welch and family.

C. A. Hazelrig has accepted a position with the Day Lumber & Coal Co., at Beattyville, and left Friday to start work.

The work put on the Hardwicks Creek road has greatly improved it. John Bar, the road overseer for that road, is to be complimented on the excellent work done by his men.

The court house property at Stanton is being improved by the addition of a new coal house and a house for a gasoline engine, which will be used to pump water through the building.

Mrs. Bird Littlepage and daughter, Gertrude, of Louisville, are visiting friends and relatives here.

The Board of Trustees held their regular meeting Saturday night, and made arrangements to have some more street work done.

Monday was Labor Day, but the bank and post office were the only places to take official notice of it.

Jim Newell, who went to the northwest states and Canada some weeks ago, has returned home.

Frank Sewell, who is an engineer on a West Virginia road, visited his father, Squire J. A. Sewell, a couple of days last week. The Squire has been quite ill for some time past, but is able to be around again.

The approaches to the new bridge between Stanton and Clay City have been completed, and the bridge is now being used for traffic. It certainly is a great deal more convenient, especially when the water is high.

D. H. Matherly preached at Speedwell, Madison county, Sunday. Two additions were made to the church.

Record Price for Calf

A. H. Hampton, of Indian Fields established a new record for this county for stock when he paid Lewis Mastin \$60 for a four months old calf. The animal was an exceptionally fine one.

New Postal Regulation.

The following order has been received by postmaster J. H. O'Rear:

"Effective September 1, 1915, paragraph 2, section 488 of the Postal Laws and Regulations is amended to read as follows:

"Fourth-class mail shall not be registered, but may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$5 in any one case, on payment of a fee of 3 cents; not to exceed \$25 on payment of a fee of 5 cents; not to exceed \$50 on payment of a fee of 10 cents, or not to exceed \$100 on payment of a fee of 25 cents, in addition to the postage, both to be prepaid by stamps affixed; but indemnity will not be allowed in cases of loss of such mail addressed to the Philippine Islands, unless the loss occurred in the postal service of the United States."

New Road Not Ready For Traffic

Hon. H. G. Garrett, Railroad Commissioner for this district, and fifteen business men of Winchester, made a trip over the new Winchester-Irvine line last week in order to determine whether or not the line was in shape to handle passenger traffic. After a thorough inspection it was unanimously decided that the condition of the roadbed would not permit passenger trains to run over the line in safety. The trip was made as a result of complaints filed by Winchester business men against the railroad, and Commissioner Garrett said he would leave the matter to their own judgement. Winchester business houses, both wholesale and retail, expect to benefit largely by the inauguration of passenger traffic over the new line.

An Interesting Trip.

T. J. Wright and family and Joseph Shunfessel and family returned Sunday from a 2500 mile trip through the west. Their route took them through part of Ohio to Bloomington Ill., where they visited relative for a couple of days and to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where a few days more were spent. After that their trip extended through Nebraska and Kansas to Butler, Mo., where Mr. Wright formerly lived. A week was passed very pleasantly there, and the party returned by way of Indiana and Illinois. The trip was made in a Ford car, and no trouble was experienced, two punctures and \$1.00 for repair work being the entire expense in their line. Several bad mud holes were encountered, but the car never had to be pulled out, although on two occasions it was necessary to pry it out.

Remember the Ice Cream Supper that the band boys will have Friday night. Everybody Come.

STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Miss Ferguson visited Mina Tipton last week.

Miss Tenny Derickson and her mother have been visiting kin folks at Lombard for several days.

Clarence Atkinson arrived Tuesday to see his little daughter, Marian, who is reported as being quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Crowe are the proud parents of a boy baby that came to their house Sunday. He has been named Cecil Thomas.

Miss Alene Myers, of Jackson, is visiting her friend, Anna Clark, this week. She and Mabel Boone sang a beautiful song at the C. E. meeting Sunday evening.

Mrs. Laura Hardwick visited her daughter in Jackson last week, returning home Sunday. She reports that Mollies husband is visiting the Exposition at San Francisco.

Miss Evans, of Otisco, Ind., is the new music teacher this year, and Mr. Ritchie, of Muskingom College, Ohio, is the new mathematics teacher. We welcome them both to our midst.

Miss Mollie Johnson is the new Domestic Science teacher this year. She is a sister of Maxie, who graduated last year, and of Daisy, who returns for another year.

The young people of the town enjoyed a social evening at the home of the writer last Friday. About 65 were present, and a merry time was had. Everybody seemed to enter into the fun and help to make the evening a success.

School opened at the college Monday with all the teachers present, and a large body of students, many of them from outside districts, the enrolment being the largest in the history of the college. It is a splendid sight to see the young folks on their way to school, and it makes one think that in the coming years these boys and girls will take their place in the world as men and women and will be a credit to their parents and their town. How many young men who today are wasting their time and living off the labor of someone else, could have made themselves into good citizens had they attended school when they had the chance. Too late they look back in life and see the mistake they have made. The writer nearly made this fatal mistake, having left school when 14 years of age (the law compelled him to go until that time) but, after spending six years on a large dairy farm, often working from 4 a. m. to 8, and 9 p. m., and seeing his old school mates holding good positions, he decided to go back to school. At an age when most boys are ashamed to attend a school, he took a four year course at Berea college and two years at Valparaiso University in Indiana, working his way through both institutions. In the same class there was several men of about 45 years of age, and one man, now a successful teacher, who was nearly 60 years old. Of course, children do not always like to go to school regularly, but parents should see that they do as this is the only way for them to get the best results.

Dr. Williams Ill.

The many friends of Dr. J. W. Williams will regret to learn that he is very ill and confined to his room with stomach trouble. A consultation of several physicians was held a few days ago, and his condition was said to be very serious. Dr. Williams was in Lexington to consult a specialist several days ago, and underwent an X-Ray examination, but the treatment given him did not have the desired result.